



## News from the River's Edge May 2010

### Sapphire Falls Group Starts Riverhaven's Second Neighborhood Watch!

A group of neighbors on Sapphire Falls will have their first neighborhood watch meeting early in May. This is the second neighborhood watch in Riverhaven; the first is in the area of Wading Pond and River Rapids. In addition, we've heard that other areas in Riverhaven are thinking of starting their own Neighborhood Watches. Because homes located along walking paths and open spaces are more vulnerable to burglaries, we especially encourage residents living in those areas to start Neighborhood Watch programs.

### The Neighborhood Watch Program

#### What is a Neighborhood Watch?

Neighborhood Watch a program is where a small group of neighbors organize to watch other neighbors' property during vacations, the workday, evenings, or during any absence. Riverhaven is too large for a single Neighborhood Watch. A Watch group must be started by individual residents; the HOA can only encourage residents to start a Watch, we can't do it for you.

#### How do I Start a Neighborhood Watch on My Street?

Neighborhood Watch meetings are normally conducted on weeknights at 6:30 p.m. First, contact your neighbors and select the most convenient day(s) for your group. Then contact Officer Becky Noel (837-7428), our Community Service officer at Midtown, at least four to six weeks in advance of your meeting. The typical first meeting of a Neighborhood Watch group will include discussion of Neighborhood Watch and Home Security. After first the Neighborhood Watch meeting, future meetings are scheduled at least once a year with the Tucson Police Department.

#### What Can I Do to Make My Home Safer?

1. Secure your home and property. You can install deadbolts on all doors, special locking devices on sliding glass doors and auxiliary locks on windows. Bars placed on windows and security doors must conform to the Design Guidelines ([http://www.riverhaven.us/PDF/Design\\_Guidelines.pdf](http://www.riverhaven.us/PDF/Design_Guidelines.pdf)). Select an alarm company with a reputation for honesty and reliability; verify their credentials with the Better Business Bureau.
2. Trim the plants in your yard so that your neighbors can see your home, and so that no one can hide under or behind them. Also, clean yards make your house look cared for and not abandoned or foreclosed.
3. Make sure your house numbers are visible from the front and **back** of your home. ([http://www.riverhaven.us/PDF/rvh\\_dg\\_amend\\_house\\_address.pdf](http://www.riverhaven.us/PDF/rvh_dg_amend_house_address.pdf))
4. Implement "Operation Identification," a program that involves marking property with an identifying number as a means of discouraging burglary and theft. ([http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/PDFs/nhw\\_operation\\_id.pdf](http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/PDFs/nhw_operation_id.pdf)),
5. Light up your property at night—use 60-watt or brighter bulbs or florescent lights in your front porch light, garage coach lights and on back of your house, also use motion sensor lights.
6. Make your house look like someone is at home. Don't leave clues that you are gone, like newspapers in the driveway, mail piling up in your mailbox, or porch lights left on during the daytime.
7. If you are going to be gone in the evening, consider leaving lights on a timer, as well as using a timer to turn your radio or television on and off.
8. When you go on trip, ask one of your neighbors to check on your home while you are gone. Volunteer to return the favor to your neighbor.
9. Get active in our neighborhood. Share information about what is happening in your area by using the Riverhaven email group to notify residents. (Address on the back).
10. We are a *no soliciting* neighborhood. Report all solicitors to Cindy Borquez. Use the peep hole in your door. Never let a stranger into your home.
11. Start a Neighborhood Watch in your area of Riverhaven!

#### Neighborhood Graffiti

If you see graffiti in Riverhaven, report the exact location to Cindy Borquez. She will arrange to have it quickly removed.

Cindy Borquez, Riverhaven Manager: [cborquez@cadden.com](mailto:cborquez@cadden.com) or 297-0797

**National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime is coming on August 3rd!**



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[groups.yahoo.com/group/Riverhaven\\_HOA/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Riverhaven_HOA/)

**HOA BOARD MEETING - May 12 - 6pm**

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**RIVERHAVEN HIGHLIGHTS**

1. The Board approved contracts related to two long term money saving improvements to the front landscaping.
  - Based on the recommendations of Spectrum Irrigation Consultants, who performed our free water audit, a redo of the front section of the drip system for \$2,592 to come from the Reserve fund was approved.
  - The installation of a new low water use landscape design for \$3,792.70 to come from the operating fund was approved.
2. Based on the recommendation of Aplomado Environmental, the company that reads our gas monitoring wells quarterly, two damaged gas monitoring wells on the Walnut Landfill will be reclaimed. These wells (CONTINUED BELOW) ↓

**Riverhaven Homeowner's Association Board Meeting**

**Wednesday**  
**May 12, 2010**

***New Time* - 6:00 pm**

**Lighthouse YMCA**  
**2900 N. Columbus**

**RIVERHAVEN HIGHLIGHTS** (CONTINUED FROM ABOVE) ↑

monitor methane emissions; we are required to read and maintain these wells by the Tucson Fire Department. The maximum cost for this project will be \$8,000 and is to be taken from the Reserve fund. Once the exact cost of the gas monitoring well reclamation is known, we will issue a contract for a specific amount.

3. The Board approved \$500 for the celebration of National Night Out. Last year neighboring developments were interested in what we did for NNO, this year we will contact them in advance and offer our assistance.